

REMARKS

A restriction requirement has been imposed by the Office on claims 1-64. This restriction requirement has been justified by the Office stating that claims 1-53 belong to class 705, subclass 14; claims 54-63 belong to class 709, subclass 223; and claim 64 belongs to class 707, subclass 3. Therefore, these claims are drawn to separate and distinct inventions.

The Office having already indicated that the claims are so distinct and separate as to justify a restriction requirement under MPEP 806.05(e), the Applicant anticipates a selected group of claims will not be rejected by a prior art reference belonging to the classifications of a non-selected group of claims. Should the Office rely upon a same prior art reference to reject different group of claims, withdrawal of this restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, by virtue of this restriction requirement, the Office is warranting that no double patenting will result if these claims are filed in separate applications. If double patenting could result, then withdrawal of this restriction is respectfully requested.

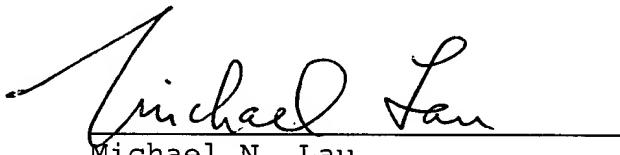
Claims 1-53 are selected with traversed under 37 CFR 1.143.

CONCLUSION

Should a personal interview be needed to advance the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayment of fees in connection with this communication to Deposit Account 50-2840.

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